

ABSTRACT

Printing priority is ascertained according to a bidding process that allows users to submit bids along with their print jobs. The printer orders the print jobs from highest to lowest bid. This allows individual users to determine the importance of each print job. If

5 urgent, the user can submit a higher bid to place the print job at the top of the queue ahead of print jobs deemed less important by the users that submitted them. Prioritizing the print jobs according to user submitted bids allows the printer to better reflect the urgencies and printing needs of all users.